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1. RECENT PRESS REPORTS FROM BRUSSELS HAVE STATED THAT EC COMMISSIONER LARDINOIS HAS SHELVED HIS PLAN FOR A PARTIAL LIBERALIZATION OF THE EC BEEF IMPORT EMBARGO THROUGH AN "EXIM" TYPE OF TRADE SCHEME (SEE REFTELS). OFFICIALS IN THE COMMISSION'S BEEF DIVISION, HOWEVER, SAY THAT THE PRESS REPORTS ARE ERRONEOUS. ACCORDING TO THOSE OFFICIALS, THE LARDINOIS PLAN IS IN THE INCUBATION STAGE AND MAY BE HATCHED BY THE COMMISSION BEFORE APRIL 1. APPARENTLY ONE OF THE PROBLEMS STILL TO BE HAMMERED OUT IS WHETHER OR NOT THE EXPORT HALF OF THE EXIM SCHEME SHOULD CONSIST OF INTERVENTION BEEF.

2. THE EXIM SCHEME HAS DRAWN FIRE FROM SEVERAL MEMBER STATES, IN PARTICULAR FROM FRANCE AND ITALY. THEY FEAR THAT EVEN A TOKEN LIBERALIZATION OF THE BEEF BAN WOULD HAVE AN ADVERSE EFFECT ON EC CATTLE PRICES. NEW ZEALAND OFFICIALS BELIEVE THAT THIS CRITICISM HAS DAMPENED LARDINOIS' ENTHUSIASM FOR THE SCHEME.

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HOWEVER, COMMISSION LIVESTOCK EXPERTS APPARENTLY DO NOT AGREE

WITH THAT ASSESSMENT. GREENWALD

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